

**Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism  
and  
Young Audiences Arts for Learning Connecticut/VSA arts  
present**

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**CONNECTICUT FORUM ON  
CAREERS IN THE ARTS  
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**



Bringing together artists of all abilities, advocates, service providers, organizations, and state agencies to assess the opportunities and challenges for artists with disabilities and develop strategies for their career advancement.

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**Saturday, November 15, 2008, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Saint Joseph College, West Hartford, CT**

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# Schedule of Events

- 9:30 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 10:00 AM **Welcome Remarks**  
Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid, President  
Saint Joseph College
- Karen Senich, Executive Director  
CT Commission on Culture & Tourism
- Statewide Forum Initiative**  
Paula Terry
- Connecting to the Cultural Community**  
Stephanie Moore
- 11:00 AM **Break Performance—Aaron Kubey, Actor**
- 11:15 AM **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- 1) Arts as Business**  
Strategies, Making Community Connections
  - 2) Supports for Successful Employment**  
Tax Benefits, Work Incentives, Assistive  
Technology, Community Support
  - 3) Transitioning from School to Career**  
Steps for Success, Overcoming Barriers
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## Schedule of Events Continued

- 12:30 PM **Lunch** Art/Technology Exhibits, Networking
- 1:30 PM **Performance** John Denner, Guitarist
- 1:45 PM **Panel** Artist Success Stories  
Challenges Faced by Artists with Disabilities
- 2:45 PM **Break** Performance  
Ekiwah Adler–Beléndez, Poet
- 3:00 PM **Facilitated Participant Discussion**  
Essential Questions, Next Steps for Connecticut
- 3:55 PM **Closing Remarks**
- 6:00 PM **Evening Performance**  
Little Theatre of the Deaf  
Ricky Alfonso Jazz Quintet

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**The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities**  
**Saint Joseph College**  
**1678 Asylum Avenue**  
**West Hartford, CT 06117**

**Directions: [www.sjc.edu](http://www.sjc.edu). Parking is free.**

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## Featured Speakers and Artists

**Paula Terry**, Director, Office for AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts. The NEA has received many awards in recognition of the work by Ms. Terry in advocacy and technical assistance.

**Stephanie Moore**, Director, Visual Arts for VSA arts. Ms. Moore is responsible for the overall direction and production of all visual arts exhibitions and events at the national level.

**Aaron Kubey**, Executive Director/President, National Theater of the Deaf. A performer and producer, Mr. Kubey has worked on numerous television, film, and theatrical productions.

**John Denner**, Guitarist. An accomplished musician, Mr. Denner has performed in such places as the Iridium, a jazz club in New York City, with the iconic musician, Les Paul.

**Ashley & Nancy Wolfe**, Actors. Ashley Wolfe's recent work starring in an independent film, "Mr. Blue Sky," has garnered highly positive reviews. Nancy Wolfe acted in a lead role in "Mr. Blue Sky."

**Ekiwah Adler–Beléndez**, Poet. Mr. Adler–Beléndez is author of three volumes of poetry and two books in Spanish and English. He won Honorable Mention for the National Youth Prize in Mexico.

**The Little Theatre of the Deaf**, The children's wing of the National Theatre of the Deaf gives live performances to thousands of children and adults in schools and theatres across the United States.

**Ricky Alfonso**, Musician. Mr. Alfonso and his talented quintet produce stunningly original swing and modern jazz compositions.

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This Forum is sponsored by The National Endowment for the Arts and the National Arts and Disabilities Center at the University of California, Los Angeles.



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A great nation  
deserves great art.

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DISABILITY**



\* An Affiliate of VSA arts, an international nonprofit organization that is creating a society where all people with disabilities learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts.

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# Forum Registration Form

**Please Register by November 1, 2008**

**Forum Registration: \$20**

Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and two complimentary tickets to the Evening Performance, coffee and dessert.

- I will attend the Evening Performance.
- One guest and I will attend the Evening Performance.

Additional tickets for the Evening Performance may be purchased by calling the box office at (860) 231-5555.

- I am enclosing a check made payable to  
**Young Audiences of Connecticut.**

Scholarships are available.

- I request a scholarship. Please contact me.

## **To Register:**

- 1) Complete both sides of the Forum Registration Form.  
Tear off at perforation, fold, and mail with your check to:

VSA arts/CCT Forum  
c/o The Carol Autorino Center  
Saint Joseph College  
1678 Asylum Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06117

- 2) Or call the Frances Driscoll Box Office at (860) 231-5555,  
Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may leave  
a voice message and your call will be returned.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/Video Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Please select the Concurrent Breakout Session you would like to attend:**

- 1. Arts as Business
- 2. Supports for Successful Employment
- 3. Transitioning from School to Career

How did you hear about this Statewide Forum?

- Focus Group
- Work
- E-mail
- Mail
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is art your primary vocation?

- Yes
- No

What is your artistic discipline? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an artist with a disability?

- Yes
- No

Do you work with individuals with disabilities?

- Yes
- No

If yes, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

**The following accommodations will be provided:**

- Sign Language Interpreters at all events.
- Box lunches including a chicken, beef and vegan choice.

Please register on or before **October 27, 2008** to reserve:

- Assistive Listening Device. (Assistive Listening Devices are available for up to 10 participants in the main conference area only.)
- Forum materials in large print.
- Forum materials in Braille.
- Additional accommodations. Please specify:

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